

# TOWN OF WESTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes Economic Development Committee

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 8:15 A.M. Town Hall, Main Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Attending: Tom Barry (Via Teleconferencing), Bill Nussbum (Acting Chair), Ron Caterino, Eli Demetri, Andrew Stern, Jeff Hillam, and Andrea Peraner-Sweet

The meeting was called to order by Bill Nussburn at 8:20 A.M.

#### **Administrative Items:**

The minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting were tabled.

Patti Mason attended as the WBA liaison.

**Business Smart Workshop:** 

Dave Martin and Dina Kanabar from the Westford Job Seekers were in attendance to discuss the upcoming April 16, 2016 Workshop. Tom Barry and Bill Nussbum will be attending representing the EDC and making a 20 minute presentation on doing business in Westford.

### WBA Liaison:

Patti Mason attended and reported that the Westford Business Association has formed a Westford Liaison sub-committee to work with the EDC in promoting issues of interest to WBA members as well as the Town of Westford.

### 12 North Main Street Task Force

Eli Demetri updated progress by the 12 North Main Street Task Force. The stabilization project is complete and the next step will be the debris removal and hazardous waste removal.

The Task Force is seeking a \$100,000 grant from the Brownfields fund and another \$500,000 for restoration.

## **Town of Westford Marketing Presentation**

Part of the presentation will be used for the Business Smart Workshop.

#### **New Business:**

Jeff Hillam discussed that there are Companies that specialize in helping other Business's move between jurisdictions and we should reach out to them. Patti noted that the UMass innovation Center also provides information for business to business locations and we should contact them.

It was noted that Chris Kluchman is being inducted as a Fellow in the College Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Congratulations to Chris on this recognition.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20AM.

Respectfully Submitted by William Nussburn (Acting Chair)